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Dear CalSIEC Committee:

It's with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of John Penido as chair of CalSIEC, the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, effective immediately.

Many of you already know John from his longstanding dedication and commitment to CalSIEC as a representative of the California Fire Chiefs Association. We are extraordinarily fortunate to have him now step into this statewide leadership position as chair. We look forward to a strong partnership with John at the helm of CalSIEC in working towards our common goal of making interoperability (and operability) a reality throughout California.

John's background in public service is impressive. He currently serves as the Fire Chief for the City of San Marino, California. He is a past president of the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association and represented the fire service on the Los Angeles County Terrorism Working Group and Terrorism Early Warning Group and the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications System. He is a Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve (retired), twice being awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He also has law enforcement experience with nearly two decades of service to the Sheriff of San Bernardino County, retiring as a Deputy Chief of Reserves.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services widely publicized the opening of the CalSIEC chair and we can not be more pleased to have a leader of John Penido's caliber rise to this challenge. At the next CalSIEC meeting we will have a formal installation ceremony. Meanwhile, please join me in congratulating John on his appointment as the new CalSIEC chair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry R. Renteria".

HENRY R. RENTERIA
Director